

Community Centrum: Grand Bay Room – Broadcast for the Public

1. Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTED
May 13, 2024

2. Acknowledgement of Treaty Land

We respectfully acknowledge that Grand Bay-Westfield exists on the traditional Wolastoqey (WOOL-US-TOOK-WAY) land.

The lands of Wabanaki (WAH-BAH-NAH-KEE) people are recognized in a series of Peace and Friendship Treaties to establish an ongoing relationship of peace, friendship and mutual respect between equal nations.

The river that runs by our town is known as Wolastoq (WOOL-LUSS-TOOK), along which live Wolastoqiyik (WOOL-US-TOO-GWEEG) - the people of the beautiful and bountiful river.

We, the staff and elected representatives, pay respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land.

3. Mayor's Comments

4. Record of Attendance

Mayor Merrifield, Deputy Mayor Toole, Councillor McIntosh Lawrence, Councillor Day, Councillor Balcomb, Councillor Balemans, and Councillor Burpee in attendance.

Regrets: None

Staff Attendance: John Enns-Wind, Troy Gautreau, James Barrington, Bruce Gault, Gary Clark, Broc Belding

Guests: Andrew Beckett, Envision Saint John
Stephanie Langlais and Bob Scott, NB Power

5. Agenda Approval

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Agenda of April 22, 2024, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

7. Public Hearings/Presentations/Delegations/Petitions

a) Envision Saint John: Members' Agreement

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency revised Members' Agreement.

Motioned by: Councillor Balcomb

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

b) Smart Meter Program

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the information as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Councillor Balemans

Carried

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Council Minutes of March 25, 2024

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024, as presented.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. By-Laws

- a) By-law PD-0012 Respecting Development Incentives

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield approve the Third reading and enactment of the Residential Development Incentive Program.

Third Reading (By Title)

By-Law No. PD-012: Respecting Development Incentives

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor Burpee

Carried

11. New Business/Recommendations

- a) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adopt the Draft AI Use Policy to guide the responsible and effective use of artificial intelligence technologies within the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield.

Motioned by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

b) 2016 Pickup Truck Replacement

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize Administration spend up to \$100,000 from the General Capital Reserve to replace the current 2016 F-150 SuperCrew with an electric powered vehicle that meets the required needs.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Councillor Balcomb Carried

c) Route 177 Passing Zone Review

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield direct Administration to develop a plan to enhance safety along Route #177 including traffic calming to reduce speed and encourage active transportation.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Carried

d) Purchase Of Off-Road Wildland Firefighting Trailer

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the purchase of a MUTS trailer and associated equipment to provide the Fire-Rescue Department the capacity to transport water to remote, off-road sites at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Carried

e) DTI Surplus Land, PID 225391

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield advise DTI prior to May 16th that the Town is interested in acquiring the property.

Motioned by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence Defeated

- f) Envision Saint John: Members' Agreement

Item addressed via item 7.a.

12. Bills for Payment

- a) That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield authorize the April 22, 2024 bills for payment as presented in the amount for \$479,994.48.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

13. Consent Agenda

- a) Quarterly Administrative Reports
- b) Building Permit Report – March 2024
- c) Earth Day – Mobilizing Municipalities
- d) Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2024
- e) PRUDE Inc. Report of Recommendations
- f) Invitation – 6th Annual Harm Reduction Symposium

End Consent Agenda

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield receive and file the consent agenda items for April 22, 2024.

Motioned by: Councillor Balemans

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Toole

Carried

14. Council Reports

15. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

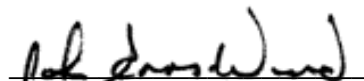
16. Adjournment

That the Council of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motioned by: Councillor Burpee

Seconded by: Councillor McIntosh Lawrence

Carried



John Enns-Wind
CAO



Brittany Merrifield
Mayor